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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS: BASE TV AS ELECTION ISSUE

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1. IN COURSE OF CAMPAIGN IN WHICH ALL PARTIES ARE TRYING TO
STAKE OUT INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS ON DEFENSE ISSUE, DIFFERENCES
WITHIN THE PP-PA GOVERNING COALITION ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY
ACRIMONIOUS. EXAMPLE IS ARTICLES WHICH HAVE APPEARED IN PEOPLE'S
ALLIANCE NEWSPAPER THJODVILJINN WITHIN PAST FEW DAYS RE BASE
TV. PAPER PUBLISHED LETTER FROM MAN WHO CLAIMED TO BE ELECTRONICS
SPECIALIST SAYING THAT "ANY SECOND-RATE ELECTRICIAN" KNOWS
HOW TO CUT BASE TV POWER SO THAT SIGNAL IN REYKJAVIK AREA COULD
BE ELIMINATED "WITH A FEW HOURS WORK." HE CLAIMED IT WAS
RIDICULOUS THAT SPECIAL EQUIPMENT SHOULD HAVE TO BE ORDERED FROM
UNITED STATES AND ITT APPEARED USG WAS DELIBERATELY DELAYING
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CARRYING OUT COMMITMENT MADE IN APRIL THAT SIGNAL WOULD BE

ELIMINATED.

2. THJODVILJINN FOLLOWED UP WITH AN EDITORIAL JUNE 11 CHARGING THERE WAS "OBVIOUS TREACHERY" INVOLVED. "FOREIGN MINISTER EINAR AGUSTSSON CLAIMS TO HAVE RECEIVED A PROMISE FROM THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AT THE BEGINNING OF APRIL THAT LIMITATIONS WOULD BE PUT ON THE STATION. SINCE THEN HE APPEARS TO HAVE DONE NOTHING TO ENSURE ACTION ON THIS MATTER...HIS INACTIVITY CAN ONLY BE EXPLAINED BY HIMSELF...THERE APPEARS TO BE OBVIOUS TREACHERY IN THIS MATTER BY THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES AND THE NATION DEMANDS THAT THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPLAIN HIS IN-ACTIVITY IN THIS MATTER."
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